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The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Board of Trustees Names David Murtaugh as Executive Director

Indianapolis – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) Board of Trustees approved David Murtaugh as ICJI Executive Director, effective August 3, 2015. Murtaugh currently serves as Senior Advisor in the Office of United States Senator Dan Coats.

“David Murtaugh has the experience and expertise necessary to serve in this important role as Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute,” said Governor Pence, who nominated Murtaugh. “His perspective with the local, state, and federal levels will serve him well as he examines issues critical to our state.”

The ICJI Board of Trustees has statutory authority to act upon the Governor’s nomination and approve the agency’s executive director.

Before his role as Senior Advisor, Murtaugh served as Northwest Indiana Regional Director for Senator Dan Coats, where he served as a liaison between the Senator and community leaders, small business owners, educators, elected officials, and organizations.

Prior to his role with the Office of United States Senator Dan Coats, Murtaugh served eight years as United States Marshal with the United States Marshals Services, after being nominated by President George W. Bush in December 2001 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in February 2002. He also served as Acting Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy during his tenure as U.S. Marshal. Murtaugh began his career at the Tippecanoe County Sheriff’s Office, where he moved up the ranks, serving as Patrolman, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain-Commander of the Enforcement Division, and eventually as sheriff for two terms.

Murtaugh earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University – Northwest and graduated from the FBI National Academy, 165th Session.

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